



ARIZONA COMMISSION ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

Commission Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Department of Economic Security
Director's Office Conference Room
1717 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Michael Traylor, Co-Chair, Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH), Sharon Sergent, (Alternate), Department of Economic Security (DES); Karen Hellman (Alternate), Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC), Sean Price (Alternate), Arizona Department of Veteran Services (ADVS); Darlene Newsom, United Methodist Outreach Ministries (UMOM); Melissa Thomas, (Alternate), Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS); Terri Leveton, Halo of Hope Foundation; David Sherman, The Salvation Army, White Mountain Outpost; Brian Spicker, Valley of the Sun United Way (VSUW) and Jenifer Thornton, City of Sierra Vista.

Commissioners Absent:

Clarence H. Carter, Co-Chair, Department of Economic Security (DES); Charles Ryan, Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC); Will Humble, Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS); Colonel Joey Strickland, Arizona Department of Veteran's Services (ADVS); Mary Murphy (Alternate), Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (GCYF); Frank Migali, Arizona Department of Education (ADE); Victor Hudenko, Catholic Charities Community Services, Inc.; Victoria Navarra (Alternate), Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS); Robert Halliday, Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS); Cassandra Larsen, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families (GCYF); Mark Holleran, Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS); Ted Williams, Arizona Behavioral Health Corporation (ABC) and Amy Schwabenlender (Alternate), Valley of the Sun United Way (VSUW).

Staff Present:

Karia Basta, Arizona Department of Housing, (ADOH); Dona Marie Markley, Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC); Melanie Starns, Lynn Larson, Judith Fritsch, Donna Bleyle, Margaret Kilman and Priscilla Cruz (DES).

Welcome and Introductions

Co- Chair Traylor called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sharon Sergent filled in for Co-Chair Clarence H. Carter.

Approval of the Minutes

Co-Chair Traylor called for a motion to approve the Tuesday, January 17, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion passed and was approved by Commissioners in attendance.

Distribution of Speaker's Presentation and Ending Homelessness Brochures

Donna Bleyle distributed thumb drives with the ACHH PowerPoint presentation, Talking Points Memo and the Ending Homelessness brochure on them, she then briefly discussed the contents of the

documents included. The commission also suggested that members keep a count of how many copies they print of the presentation for further tracking impact.

Arizona StandDown Report / Project H3 Veterans Results

Brad Bridwell reported that the 11th annual Arizona StandDown was held from February 3-5, 2012 at the Memorial Coliseum, which had a record attendance of 1,293. There were about 70 plus volunteer providers and about 850 volunteers assisting in serving these veterans with housing, medical, dental, vision, motor vehicle and legal issues. To date 27 homeless veterans have been placed in housing and Brad has hopes to end veteran homelessness by 2015. The event was reported to be a great success.

Public Meeting Requirements

The Commission has received clarification from the Attorney General that this Commission does not need to follow Public Meeting Law. However, the Co-Chairs have stipulated that the Commission will continue to do so for the main meetings and that the sub-commissions continue to follow the 'spirit' of meeting law and continue to take minutes and keep up the good practices that are already in place.

Committee Reports

Housing Committee: Director Traylor reported on this committee stating that the committee is continuing with the roll out of a database to be used as a resource tool. This database is for providers/case managers and not for the general public. The database is still scheduled to be operational by the end of the year.

Homeless Services Committee: Commissioner Newsom reported on this committee stating they have been looking at housing barrier assessments. Ms. Newsom further reported that the committee conducted a site visit in San Francisco at the Hamilton Family Center and has determined that their assessment tool, which assesses placement, has been found to be acceptable and would be rolled out to the Yuma and Pima counties.

Data Management Committee: Commissioner Williams was not present at this meeting therefore was unable to report on Data Management and the committee will hear his report at the next meeting.

Studies and Survey Committee: Commissioner Spicker reported on this committee requesting that the committee review and discuss the statewide survey slotted to roll out sometime between July and September which is planning to survey 2,200 homeless individuals on streets and in emergency shelters. Commissioner Spicker then requested approval of the survey which was approved with comments or concerns to be supplied to him by close of business Friday, March 23, 2012. In closing, Commissioner Spicker reported that in addition to the geographic methodology he will also have available the surveyor's instructions and a job description for the surveyors ready for the committee's approval.

Announcements

Deputy Director Sergent issued a call for new announcements and none were reported.

Future Agenda Items

Director Traylor issued a call for future agenda items and none were issued forth at this time.

Call to the Public

Director Traylor issued a call to the public and none were issued forth.

Next Meeting

The next ACHH meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

Adjourn

Co-Chair Traylor called for a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and was approved by the commissioners in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.